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Mr. Michael J. O'Neil, Chief Counsel  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mike:

We have been following the legislation now before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee that would reform the Civil Service and provide protection for Federal employees who blow the whistle on illegal or improper activities. We are, of course, concerned with this legislation because of its potential impact on the personnel procedures and requirements of intelligence agencies. The Civil Service Commission has recommended a number of amendments to the legislation, including those that would exempt intelligence agencies from the provisions of the reform legislation; we support these amendments.

To provide you with a better sense of our concerns with the legislation, I am including two background papers we have prepared and a copy of the 17 May 1978 letter from Civil Service Commission Chairman Campbell to Chairman Ribicoff (an identical letter was sent to Chairman Nix), referring, among other things, to the need for exemptions for intelligence agencies.

Sincerely,



Acting Legislative Counsel

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